



RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS

RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Bettencourt-Chairman; Mr. Edward Roster-Commissioner;
Mr. Joe Bickel-Commissioner and Mr. Rob Carey, Raynham Sewer Superintendent.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mr. Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Roster to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2018 as printed. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Letter from Christen Nastri of Robinson Street regarding odor issues

Mr. Bettencourt stated that the Sewer Department has been working on the concerns for a number of months/years. The letter was not read during the meeting because Mr. Bettencourt felt that *if* questions were asked, Ms. Nastri was not present to reply. Mr. Bettencourt suggested correspondence be sent back to Ms. Nastri informing her that her letter was received and read by the Board and her concerns are understood. The Commission continues to work on the issue and if Ms. Nastri would like to attend a future meeting to voice her concerns, Mr. Bettencourt would be more than happy to add her to the agenda.

(B) Discuss new hire

Collection System Operator

Mr. Carey informed that there were three applicants for which he interviewed two of them. One *has* extensive knowledge in mechanics which is what we are looking for and also has the required Collective Systems License. Mr. Carey stated the second candidate is from Raynham which he would have preferred, has a grade 3 Wastewater Treatment license but does not have Collective Systems License and is not a mechanic. Mr. Carey recommended hiring Mr. Shawn Hayden to the position of Collection System Operator.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Roster to hire Mr. Shawn Haden as Collection System Operation effective July 16, 2018. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Robert Carey

Phase 6, Contract 1

Mr. Carey recommended awarding the contract to CJP who was the lowest bidder. He reminded the Board that the project is pending the 2 ½ override vote.

Paramount Pumping Station

Work continues on the design process with Tighe & Bond. A site visit with Columbia Gas was conducted for the location and size of the gas service.

I&I Project, Phase 2

National Water Main has successfully installed the liner on South Street at the Rt. 24 crossing. They were also conducting manhole inspections in the Dear Hollow area. AECOM will submit a report on the inspections including recommendations.

Riverview Meadows, Phase 2 Sewer Main

The installation of the sewer main continues.

Bi-annual Billing

The Sewer Department is currently working on the billing which should be complete by the end of August.

OLD BUSINESS

(A) Earth Source Billing

Present was Mr. Kelly and Mr. Carney from Earth Source. Mr. Bettencourt informed that he would like to work with Earth Source on the balance due, but he has a fiduciary responsibility as a Commissioner. The Sewer Department pays the City of Taunton quarterly and bill commercial accounts semi-annually in the arrears. The balance due should have been paid on the last billing. Also, there is another bill coming due in August. The Commission is willing to work with Earth Source for the balance due as long as they keep the commitment. With the new billing coming up, Mr. Bettencourt asked if the Commission will have to discuss another agreement on that balance. Mr. Kelly informed that the payment should be made. The Commission discussed the interest charge on the balance due. Mr. Bettencourt informed that if the bill was paid when it was due, there would not have been interest applied. As a business, the agreement was created from a business stand point. At the last meeting, Mr. Carney informed that he would guarantee the funds if Earth Source failed to make a payment. Mr. Kelly asked that the clause stating that the "Raynham Sewer Department would no longer accept flow if the payment is not made" be changed to the guarantee that Mr. Carney would make the payment. Mr. Bettencourt informed that the clause was put in the agreement for the purpose of payment not necessarily shutting off a businessman. Even though Mr. Carney has agreed to help with funding if Earth Source is not able to pay, it is Mr. Kelly's responsibility to inform Mr. Carney if payment cannot be made.

With another bill coming out in August, Mr. Bettencourt asked if Mr. Kelly will be looking for another agreement to pay that balance. Mr. Kelly informed that he probably will be looking for a second agreement for the upcoming bill. Mr. Bettencourt stated that this will be the last time the Sewer Commission will finance the balance for Earth Source. He suggested an agreement where as the entire balance due and balance on the future bill for August be paid by the end of December 2018. Once the agreement is complete and Earth Source is current on bills, Mr. Bettencourt stated that he would not hesitate to stop the flow if future bills are not paid in a timely manner. Mr. Carney informed that he will guarantee the balance due if Mr. Kelly is not capable of making the payment including the upcoming bill balance. He truly appreciates the time and agreement made by the Commission.

Mr. Bickel asked if the agreement should include the balance of the upcoming bill. With the guarantee of funding by Mr. Carney, Mr. Bettencourt would suggest that the agreement include a statement at the bottom of the agreement, hand written, stating that the balance due and the balance of the upcoming bill be paid by the end of December 2018. Mr. Bettencourt stated that if the balance is paid on time, he would waive the interest that may be charged on the unpaid balance.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Roster to approve the payment agreement with Earth Source for the balance due including the balance due for the second half of FY17, August 2018 billing with full payment to be made by December 31, 2018 in five equal installments. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bettencourt informed that the ballot question for the 2 ½ override will be voted on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. When the results are available, Tighe & Bond will be notified of the vote. Once the paperwork is complete, the Board will vote on the contractor's contract at the next Sewer Commission Meeting on August 9, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bettencourt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Roster and seconded by Mr. Bickel to adjourn from the Raynham Sewer Commission Meeting of July 12, 2018 at 6:43pm for the performance of administrative duties, signing bills with no business to be conducted afterwards. Vote: 3-0

Transcribed from Recording
Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Caradonna
Recording Secretary

Meeting dates:

Thursday, August 9, 2018 @ 6:00pm
